



HOLLY'S DESTROYED: Firemen from three communities assisted South Haven firemen Thursday night in battling the blaze that destroyed Holly's downtown restaurant in South Haven and threatened the downtown business district. The fire had

swept through the entire two-story building by time photo was taken and front wall had collapsed. At far left can be seen firemen in bucket lift, which was used like a snorkel to water down adjoining Michigan theatre and save it. (Staff photo)

SOUTH HAVEN HOLLY'S BURNS

**\$215,000
Loss; Wind
Fans Blaze**

**Structure Was
Rebuilt After
Fire In 1960**

By JIM DONAHUE
South Haven Bureau

SOUTH HAVEN, — Fire destroyed Holly's downtown restaurant here Thursday afternoon in a spectacular blaze that threatened to spread to the entire downtown business district.

Ward Webster, chairman of the board for Holly's Inc., today estimated the loss of the building and contents at \$215,000. He said a decision may be made in the next few days on whether to rebuild.

The restaurant was the location of the original Holly's restaurant, opened about 1927, and for years housed the home offices for Holly's Inc., a small chain of restaurants located in southwestern Michigan. Webster said the offices were moved only last summer to Grand Rapids and all of the records were consequently saved.

Fanned by 55-mile-per-hour winds off Lake Michigan, the fire quickly engulfed the 58-year-old brick structure and sent large burning embers flying over the downtown shopping center.

Firemen from Covert, Bangor and Hartford assisted South Haven firemen in battling the fire and keeping it from spreading.

THEATRE THREATENED
The Michigan Theatre, which adjoined Holly's to the north, was in the most immediate danger, but firemen saved it by pouring a steady stream of water on the roof and walls from a lift bucket loaned by the board of public works. A heavy fire wall separating the two buildings was also credited with saving the theatre.

Occupants of apartments in buildings along Center street, where the fire also threatened, were vacated for several hours. The fire also destroyed two apartments over the restaurant, occupied by A. R. Webster and restaurant manager Bud Kornelje.

It was the second major fire to sweep the two-story structure in the past eight years. The building was gutted by fire on Feb. 10, 1960, but was rebuilt.

A minor fire in a defective electrical box was extinguished by firemen in the basement only last Saturday night. Electricians had been working on the wiring in the building since that time.

STARTS IN BASEMENT
Thursdays blaze also broke out in the basement. Webster said two employees noticed smoke coming from under a door to an abandoned furnace room near the front, center of the building when they came into an adjoining storeroom for supplies shortly after 3 p.m.

Webster said attempts were made to reach the source of the fire with extinguishers, but that the smoke in the room was so thick, the employees were driven out. By the time firemen arrived, the basement was full of heavy black smoke and efforts by volunteers to locate the source of the fire by wearing oxygen masks were not successful. Fireman Charles

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SPECTACULAR: Flames jump to the sky as 55-mile-per-hour winds bring fire to its height Thursday night at Holly's restaurant in South Haven. Company officials estimated the loss to the building and contents at \$215,000. The building was destroyed but firemen were able to save other buildings nearby. No one was hurt. (Staff photo)



BREAKS THROUGH ROOF: Within minutes after the fire broke through the roof of Holly's Restaurant, the structure was the scene of a spectacular blaze. Firemen are still on the roof at far right, pouring water on the fire. The fire got out of control when firemen were unable to get through thick smoke to reach original fire that started in basement. (Staff photo)

Agnew Expects He'll Remain Controversial

By JACK BELL
AP Political Writer

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Maryland Gov. Spiro T. Agnew said today that just as he was a controversial candidate in the presidential campaign, "there is no reason to believe that I will be any less controver-

sial as vice president."

Speaking in advance of President-elect Richard M. Nixon's arrival at the Republican governor's conference, Agnew predicted that the new GOP administration will provide "an era of renaissance for state governments" by giving them flexibility in spending federal grants.

Designated by Nixon as his liaison with state governors, Agnew gave voice to the complaints that the governors have been stacking up to present to Nixon, who is scheduled for a midday arrival. Aides said Nixon expects to talk to every GOP governor and those newly elected before and after he speaks at a formal conference state dinner tonight.

Agnew's remarks were prepared for delivery.

TO MEET COMPLAINTS

Agnew told his colleagues that they can expect him to meet their complaints that Washington parcels out federal grant money on an uneven basis and keeps its hand too rigidly on spending.

Agnew told a conference panel: "I was a controversial govern-

nor, I have been a controversial candidate for vice president. There is no reason to believe that I will be any less controversial as vice president."

"I do not intend to play games with the secret meaning of words nor practice the gentle art of the platitude. I do not intend to rely on dictionary definitions and (do intend) to call the shots as I see them. I think this

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**SHOPPING DAYS
TIL CHRISTMAS**

Bemedaled BH GI Acquitted

But Minor Charge Sticks

By TOM BRUNDRETT

Staff Writer
FT. HOOD, Tex. — A military court Thursday acquitted a Benton Harbor serviceman on a charge stemming

from an August demonstration at the post, but found him guilty of not obeying an order to get a haircut.

The serviceman, Spec. 4 Charles Wilburn, 22, was among 42 servicemen arrested following the Aug. 23-24 assembly in a park.

Rumors that the men were to be sent to Chicago for riot duty during the Democratic National convention sparked the demonstration.

Wilburn is the son of Mrs. Lillie M. Wilburn, of 321 South Crystal avenue.

CHARGES NOT RELATED
Lt. Jack Allday, public information officer at the fort, said the charge involving the haircut was not related to the display. The order came before the assembly began, he said.

Wilburn was fined \$50 and reduced in grade to PFC by the general court martial board of six officers. The panel delivered its verdict after 45 minutes study.

Sentencing followed argu-

ments in mitigation and an additional 30 minutes of deliberations. The trial began Wednesday morning.

A decorated veteran of Vietnam, Wilburn told Allday after the proceedings that he intends to go to barber's school in Detroit following his discharge in February.

The Benton Harbor soldier served in the Chu Lai area of Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star with V for heroism. The award followed an enemy mortar attack on his compound.

ASLEEP IN CAR
Wilburn returned from Vietnam to Ft. Hood a few days before the Aug. 23 demonstration. He said during testimony Wednesday that he went to the demonstration but fell asleep in a car.

When he stepped out of the car shortly after 6 a.m., Wilburn was taken into custody with the other men. He said he had not heard an order to disperse issued minutes before and he said he would have

obeyed it if he had.

Wilburn and the other men were charged with disobeying the dispersal order. So far, 11, including Wilburn, have been acquitted of the demonstration-caused charge. Eight still await trial.

Report Was Rewritten By Clark

**Controversy Over
Document Widens**

CHICAGO (AP) — The Walker report accusing Chicago police of undue violence in putting down Democratic convention week disturbances was substantially rewritten under the direction of Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark before being released, the Chicago Tribune said today.

The Tribune said in a copy-right story by Chesley Manly that it was advised by an authoritative source Thursday of Clark's role in the final draft of the controversial report released Sunday in Washington.

The report was prepared by the Chicago study team of the President's National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence. It was submitted by Daniel Walker, a lawyer who is president of the Chicago Crime Commission and who headed the study team.

SUMMARY CHANGED
According to the Tribune's informant, Walker took copies of his report to Washington and showed them to half a dozen persons, including Clark. The attorney general was not satisfied and the report—particularly the summary, which accused Chicago police of unrestrained brutality against demonstrators—was rewritten under Clark's direction.

The Tribune gave this account of other background on the report and how it came to be released Sunday:
Walker wanted to be named special prosecutor for a federal grand jury now investigating the convention week violence and he was supported by Clark for this role. However, the idea was rejected by Chief Judge William J. Campbell of U.S. District Court in Chicago.

Judge Campbell, who is directing the grand jury probe, said Wednesday the timing and motivation of the report com-

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Fruit filled Danish coffee cakes. Spec. 69c. Eitel's Bakery. Adv.
Still time for Xmas Portraits. Hassler's Studio, 429-3863. Adv.

Joke By Brando Backfires



MARLON BRANDO

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man wearing a beard and pig-tail boarded National Airlines flight 64 for Miami, Fla., and, says stewardess Barbara Self, "Is this flight to Cuba?"

Miss Self, who admitted "I was scared," notified a station agent, who told the pilot, Capt. Gerald White.

The man was escorted off the plane Wednesday. When he reached a gate, another agent exclaimed, "My God, it's Marlon Brando!"

Since the 44-year-old actor had a ticket, he was asked to climb back aboard the plane but refused, an airline spokesman said Thursday.

Brando's attorney, Norman Garey, said the Cuba-flight statement "was nothing but an off-handed remark to a stewardess—that's all."

"That was a perfectly silly thing for Brando or anyone to say," the airline spokesman said, "especially when our airline has been hit harder by hijacks than any other one."

Brando was bound for a movie set in Colombia and wearing "a beard the script calls for and completely normal clothing," his lawyer said.

An airline spokesman said, "He was dressed sloppily, like a hippie," and wore a full beard and pigtail.

The incident came less than a day after a National Airlines plane from New York was hijacked and flown to Cuba with 35 persons aboard.

Good Fellows Warm Up Day

From far and near Good Fellows have poured in \$147 today, garnished it with warm wishes for success and warmed up what the weatherman had predicted would be a pretty cold day. It's an old but unexplained rule that the worse the weather, the better the Good Fellow gifts.

Probably the best explanation is that Good Fellows don't want anyone to have a cold Christmas. Singers dream of a "White Christmas," everyone wishes each other a "Merry Christmas" but Good Fellows for the past 38 Christmases have been putting their dollars where their heart is to make sure that no little boy or girl has a "cold Christmas."

TYPICAL GIVERS

Today's list is typical. Dr. and Mrs. Walter F. Browe start off the list with \$5. The Farmers and Merchants bank deposited \$50 and an "Old Timer" with a heart that beats young plunked down another \$50.

Plangger's furniture of Benton Harbor made us comfortable with \$10 and "A Friend" sent in \$2.

American Legion auxiliary unit No. 163, an organization that in the past has done a lot of charitable work, adds its \$5 to the growing Good Fellow fund.

Heather Liskey and Renee Kay Lozeau each sent in \$5 or the two of them put \$10 into the fund (you can take your choice) and their granddad Harry L. Liskey (who helped them out)

THE HERALD-PRESS GOODFELLOW FUND



said "wish you success in meeting your goal as in the past years."

Marjorie and Robert Johnson of Sawyer put \$5 into the Good Fellow fund in fond memory of a dear friend, Winifred Dolezel who died recently. They wrote: "Hope you make your goal—lots of good luck to you in the fine work you are doing."

Mrs. Jess Copeland of Oregon.

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Editorial Page

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Overreporting In Chicago

Immediately following the tempestuous Democratic national convention last August, President Johnson named Ike's brother, Dr. Milton E. Eisenhower, as chairman of a blue ribbon committee to investigate the disorders outside the convention hall.

The committee, styled as the National Commission on Violence, engaged Daniel Walker, a vice president in Montgomery Ward & Co. (now Marcor, Inc.) as its professional chief of staff to direct the probe. He was given the necessary authority to hire what personnel he deemed necessary and to pursue whatever avenues seemed most appropriate to get at the causes of the disturbances.

Charges and countercharges of who started the fracas and who was at fault for the continued disruption already had received a good airing before the convention adjourned.

Earlier this week Walker released a report which says, in substance, that a small segment of the Chicago police department overreacted to the initial demonstrations by the invading hippies and yuppies, and, with unrestrained joy, proceeded to bash bystanders, peaceful demonstrators, newsmen, and anyone discovered near the riot areas.

It was, concludes Walker, a police riot.

Implicitly, his report places the blame in Mayor Daley's lap. The enthusiastic suppression of the yuppies, charges Walker, traces from a belief among a minority of the Chicago police that they could knock heads with impunity.

The report notes that Daley assembled a protective force of city police, firemen, sheriff's deputies, auxiliaries, National Guardsmen and regular Army troops twice the size of Walker's estimated 10,000 youthful protesters.

His version is a direct confrontation with a movie report assembled by Daley staff members a few months ago which, as might be expected, indicates the law enforcement agencies showed great restraint in the face of extreme provocation.

Two wrongs never make a right, and if Daley's movie was filmed through whitewashed lenses, Walker goes to the other extreme of writing in purple ink.

William J. Campbell, chief judge of the federal district court at Chicago, describes the report as Walker's personal opinions.

Judge Campbell challenges the timing and motivation of the report.

A federal grand jury, appointed by him, has been in session several months sifting the evidence in the convention rioting and is expected to report its findings next month.

It would have been better in the administration of justice, Judge Campbell indicates, if Walker had restrained himself until the grand jury had concluded its hearings and made its recommendations.

The Eisenhower Commission is free to accept, reject, or modify the conclusions by its chief of the first alternative, its official recommendation to the White House necessarily will come under widespread attack from certain quarters.

It is too late in the game to fish again in the waters which Walker has muddied so thoroughly.

Commission or Campbell's grand jury are the only sources to sift fact from fancy for a public already divided and confused by the events taking place outside the International Amphitheatre.

Several unusual circumstances in assembling the report rouse

our skepticism as to its objectivity and accuracy.

One is the Commission's chief of staff.

Walker is a corporation lawyer, a brilliant one, it might be added, and a man regarded as a definite comer in Chicago's business and civic circles.

His TV appearances in explanation of the report show him as an intense person, one feeling strongly on social and political issues.

This intensity is magnified by his statement that he accepted the appointment on condition he could make his findings public free from any editing or approval by the Commission, and whenever he felt the job had been finished.

This almost says he feared a possible watering down of whatever conclusion he reached by his superiors.

Why the Commission did not seek out a man with more experience and training in investigative procedures has yet to be stated by Dr. Eisenhower.

The personnel on Walker's staff raises considerable as to the capability and methods of his probes.

Many of them were law school students; great reliance was placed upon secondhand statements from supposed eye witnesses; and advertisements were circulated in a number of campus newspapers inviting all and sundry to tell what they might know of the Chicago doings.

This approach might be all right for a student writing a means advocated for punishing the guilty and vindicating the innocent.

In his eagerness to slap down some men on the Chicago police force who did go too far, Walker glibly obscures the real point in the Chicago demonstrations.

A certain number, how many is still a conjecture, of hell raisers converged upon the town intent on raising the roof simply for the sake of raising it; and they will appear in other places in the future for similar motives.

Joining them was a larger number of kids who are fed up with everything and everybody but themselves.

We accept Senator McCarthy's bland description of them as "innocent children," but they were the dough raised by the yeast of the activist conspirators.

In a melee, the first order of business is to put down the disturbance.

There's no time to sift the activist from the reactor and if the latter get clobbered, one must remember it was they who provide the fuel to the flame. An onlooker assumes the same risk.

The attempts by McCarthy and now, Walker, to sanctify the actors in this sordid drama are inane.

Justice Hugo L. Black, about as liberal a jurist as can be found, said as much two days ago.

The streets and parks don't belong to the demonstrators, he commented. They belong to the entire public, including the great majority which prefers to express dissent at the ballot box, not from a soap box.

Last Voyage

The Queen Elizabeth headed out of the Port of New York the other day for the last time.

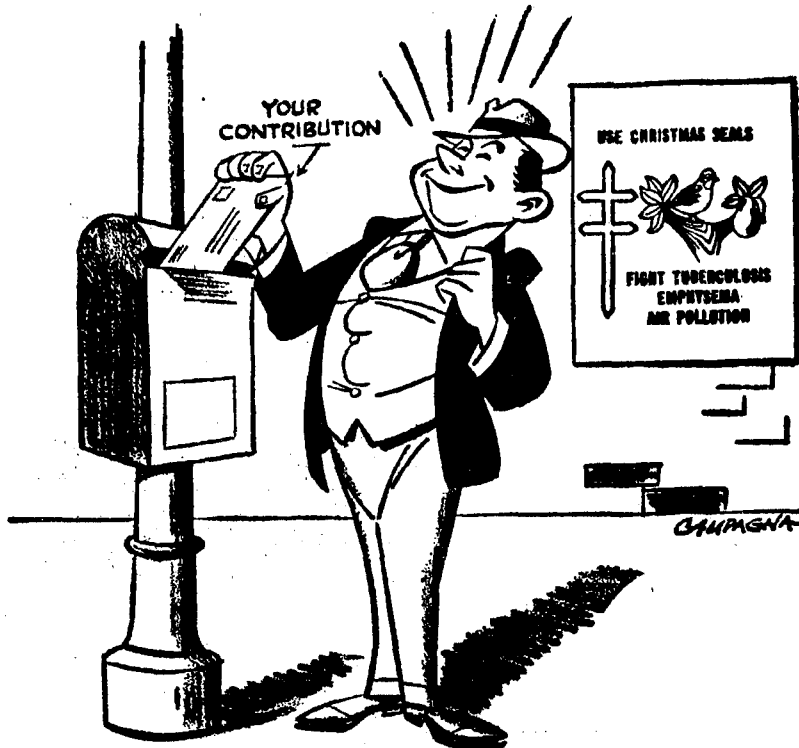
The 83,000-ton liner, marked for retirement and a new career as a land-based show ship and hotel in Florida, ended a 28-year Atlantic career to the accompaniment of whistle salutes and spouting windy plumes from fireboats.

Mayor Lindsay read a farewell to the great ship in a ceremony recognizing the liner's World War II exploits when she transported thousands of American soldiers.

Champagne flowed and the ship's one-ton steam whistles thundered, and a group of last-call visitors blocked the gangplank singing Auld Lang Syne off-key. As the liner turned into the river, she broke out a 280-foot red, white and blue pennant known to seamen as the "going home" flag.

That's where she was going, to be replaced by the new Queen Elizabeth II, nearing completion. The new ship is a sleek liner with fewer boilers, a craft the line's owners can operate more economically.

Breathe Easier---Mail It Today



GLANCING BACKWARDS

WATER LINE TO SJ SCHOOL
—1 Year Ago—
Deadline for making the decision on the size of the water line to North Lincoln school and the new Junior high school is getting uncomfortable close.

At a meeting of city, school, county and township representatives the only concrete decision made was to meet again Dec. 19. The water line is necessary because ground water supplies at the junior high school location do not meet standards.

EMPLOYMENT UP BUT SLOWLY
—10 Years Ago—
Employment in the Twin City area for November continued the October uptrend but at a slower pace, the St. Joseph office of the Michigan Employment Security Commission has revealed.

Unemployment is at the lowest point this year. The office listed the present labor force as 52,000.

MARSHALL HIT BY YANK BOMBS
—25 Years Ago—
American bombers struck at Japan's defense perimeter along an ever-widening line of aerial attack which the Tokyo radio reported included a raid yesterday by 100 carrier-based Allied planes on the Japanese-held Marshall Islands in the Central Pacific. The Nipponese, in turn, carried out their first bombing mission against Tarawa and Makin Islands since American capture of the Gilberts. They wounded three men and inflicted minor damage on Tarawa. There was no damage on Makin the Navy report said.

On the ground, too, the Japanese failed in counterat-

tacks seeking to throw back advancing Australians on the Huon peninsula in northeastern New Guinea. In China, the Chinese high command said Japanese forces in northern Hunan province had been defeated.

BIG PARTY
—35 Years Ago—
A large attendance is expected at the second annual Merchants-Clerks party to be held at the Masonic temple under auspices of the St. Joseph Retail Merchants association. Julius Reinking is chairman in charge.

HOLD ELECTION
—45 Years Ago—
The Standard Bearers of the Methodist church met at the

home of Mrs. J.B. Dormer and elected Ruth Rough president.

OUTDOOR SPORTS
—55 Years Ago—
If St. Joseph ever gets winter weather this year the children need not go begging for a place to play or adequate facilities for outdoor sports for there seems to be much enthusiasm over the skating park and winter playground on the north side in spite of the warm weather. The playground committee announces receipt of a check for \$25 from W. Woodbridge Dickinson for the playground fund.

LUMBER ARRIVES
—77 Years Ago—
The Tenie and Laura with Lumber from Ludington is at Wallace's dock.

HENRY CATHCART Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — Although President-elect Richard M. Nixon will face a Democratic Congress when he is sworn in Jan. 20, the House will probably be more amenable to his wishes than to that of the Democratic leadership.

Despite a Democratic majority of 243 to 192, actual control in the House will be exercised by conservative coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats.

The coalition, which has operated effectively in the House for years in the aftermath of World War II, is not a formal alliance, but one bound together by an affinity of views.

Informal discussions between GOP leaders and key Southern Democratic congressmen usually prove effective in lining up the vote for or against various legislative programs.

MOSTLY NEGATIVE
—The coalition probably will operate more in a negative than positive way in that it will exercise a veto power over liberal legislation, especially over federal aid programs involving the expenditure of substantial sums for social legislation sponsored by the Democratic leadership.

House Republican leaders expect the new GOP administration to inaugurate a period of retrenchment. As one phased it, "Let's give the country time to digest all the programs we've already enacted over the past few years."

Although northern and western liberals and moderates make up a majority of the Democrats in the House, they usually require a House Democratic majority of 75 to push their programs through over the coalition's opposition. The overall Democratic majority in the 91st Congress will be 51.

A somewhat different situation confronts the new president in the Senate. The 58 to 42 Democratic majority there is also split, but Democratic moderate and liberal senators often can count on similarly inclined Republican colleagues to command a majority on major domestic legislation.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

FOUR LETTER WORDS
The four letter word controversy points up the need for differentiating between intellectual freedom and emotional freedom. The two lead in different directions.

I am inclined to believe that the former leads towards a more perfect democracy and the latter towards totalitarianism.

Some words from Lincoln's address to the young men's lyceum of Springfield (1838) have a bearing on the subject:

"Passion has helped us, but can do so no more. It will in the future be our enemy. Reason, cold, calculating, unimpassioned reason, must furnish all the materials for our future support and defense."

STANFORD W. BRIGGS
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St. Joseph

DR. COLEMAN .. And Speaking Of Your Health

I am burdened beyond endurance by head noises. I find I cannot block them out before I go to sleep and even believe that they wake me during the night. I have been told by my doctor that at the age of eighty-six this is not unusual. I know I'm not getting any younger, but I am afraid the noises may be the beginning of deafness or a stroke. I will appreciate it deeply if you were to discuss this in a future article.

Mrs. E.A.E. Ohio.

Dear Mrs. E.A.E.: I once made the mistake of saying to a patient who complained bitterly of head noises, "You must remember you're not getting any younger." I deserved what my lovely patient said to me with great wisdom. She said, "Doctor, my problem is not that I am not growing any younger, I just want to be sure that I will continue to grow older." Since then, I have never used that phrase to any of my patients even those who attain the venerable age of one hundred.

Head noises, known as tinnitus, are almost always a great annoyance rather than a threat to health. Sometimes they sound like a whistle, steam, or a shrill high pitched bell. Occasionally, they are uninterrupted beats, while at other times they are continuous.

Most patients, especially the elderly, notice that the noises get louder when it is very quiet or when they are very fatigued and particularly, if they are emotionally upset. Their greatest fear is that the noises may mean the beginning of a stroke, deafness, or a brain tumor. In almost all instances this fear is false.

In your case the likelihood is that as the blood vessels become narrower due to arteriosclerosis, the blood rushes through the blood vessels and by hitting the side wall causes the noises.

You will find that you may be able to block out the noises by listening to the radio before falling asleep. With automatic

cut-offs, the radio can be set to discontinue once you have fallen asleep. I am certain that you are not awakened by the noise. Rather do I believe that when you turn during your sleep or awaken for a moment, as we all do, you then become aware of the noise. At that time of the night it is usually so quiet that the noise may become more pronounced.

When once it is definitely established that there is no real troublesome cause for the noise, assurance and reassurance is the best remedy. There are some drugs known as vasodilators which are said to open blood vessels and thus alleviate the head noises. My experience with them has not been gratifying.

It has been my experience that when I present to a patient the fact that the tinnitus will not lead to major trouble and that the noises will not threaten their health, patients are understanding and learn to accept this nuisance and live with it.

When very high blood pressure is a responsible cause for tinnitus, the condition can be helped with some of the newer drugs that reduce the pressure. Noises associated with chronic infection of the ears or changes in the jaw joint due to bad bite, may respond to the treatment of these conditions. You can be certain that your own physician knows all about the safe modern drugs that can be tried for head noises. No one is the private possessor of any special secret information to treat this condition. Follow your own doctor's advice and be comforted by the fact that noises sometimes disappear slowly of their own accord, especially with the support of assurance and encouragement.

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Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER Contract Bridge

You are South, both sides vulnerable, and have this hand:

♠ 7 ♣ A ♠ K 8 5 4 3 2 ♠ 9 2

1. You bid One Club, West One Spade, North One Notrump, and East passes. What would you bid now?
2. You bid One Club, West One Spade, North Two Diamonds, and East passes. What would you bid now?
3. You bid One Club, West passes, North Two Notrump, and East passes. What would you bid now?
4. You bid One Club, North One Diamond, you One Heart, North Two Hearts, East-West pass throughout. What would you bid now?

1. Two clubs. North probably has 8 or 9 points including a spade stopper for his notrump bid. Game is therefore unlikely, and two clubs is apt to be a safer contract than one notrump.

Of course, North may have a 10-point hand including two spade stoppers, but until he identifies such a holding, you cannot assume it.

It would be wrong to bid two hearts. This would constitute a reverse bid, indicating a much stronger hand, and you might easily wind up too high.

2. Two hearts. This is not a reverse, since two hearts is the cheapest bid you can make. However, you should now view

this hand as much more promising for game purposes than the preceding one. Partner's diamond bid raises the value of your hand several points, and in this sequence he very probably has more than 10 points. But for the moment, all you do is mark time with two hearts, planning to show your diamond support later.

3. Three hearts. You bid three hearts mainly to warn partner against notrump. North is unlikely to have four hearts, since he failed to respond one heart, although he may have bypassed the suit for tactical reasons. Three hearts should not be treated by North as a reverse bid showing extra strength, since it is better used as a slanting bid to pinpoint distribution.

4. Three diamonds. There are three possible bids — three diamonds, three hearts and four hearts — and they all make sense. You probably won't make four hearts if partner has the wrong type of hand, and that is the chief objection of an immediate leap to game.

A three heart bid would invite partner to go on to four, but would merely announce extra values without delineating what they are. A three diamond bid has the added virtue of not only identifying extra values but also describing the three-suited nature of your hand.

BENNET CERF Try And Stop Me

Early in his career, Fred Allen played eight straight weeks in the middle of winter in the icy stretches of western Canada and came back almost frozen to death.

"One day in Manitoba," he recalled, teeth chattering, "we played five s h o w s — a n d the high of the day was sixteen degrees below zero." "How did they get the customers to clear out after each show?" he was asked. "Easy," Allen growled. "They just opened the back doors and let the wolves run through."



name, and nothing in common with wine except its appearance."

—OVERHEARD:
Wife (explaining to her husband how she wrecked the car): "The sign said 'Stop, Look, and Listen' and while I was doing it the freight train hit me."
Incurable Girl Watcher: "Oh, what is so bare as a dame in June?"

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FIREMEN AUTHORIZE STRIKE IN ST. JOSEPH

Financial Outlook Bad In BH

City Fathers Learn Situation Is 'Awful, Awful'

Benton Harbor city commissioners last night delved into financing for the city government and came out shuddering. As for the past three years, prospects were reported gloomy. Mayor Wilbert Smith said "I don't know how we're going to get by. Everything is going up but city income. We are going to have to watch ourselves and are probably faced with tightening our belts next year."

One city commissioner, Rex Sheeley, commented "Benton Harbor is in an awful, awful situation financially. We're spending more than we take in. In my opinion, we're going to have to slow down some."

IN THE HOLE
The three-hour session, held in Howard Johnson's restaurant, M-139, covered the long-range forecast and indirectly the 1969-70 budget which starts July 1.

No firm figures were presented, the officials said, but based on the present budget level the city could be \$75,000 to \$100,000 in the hole next year before getting to pay raise and improvement costs.

Smith said possible avenues for boosting income were mentioned but none were chosen.

One possibility, a city income tax, was all but shelved according to Smith.

"Unless St. Joseph and the two townships (Benton and St. Joseph) also had one," said Smith, "it doesn't seem possible for the city." This, he added, was the consensus of commissioners.

Any tax increase, either through the income tax or a property tax hike, Smith said would have to be by referendum at any rate.

Properly taxes for the city, the mayor said, now are 14 mills. This includes the 10 mills allowed for general operation, one for the library, one for the pension and two for the improvement fund.

Smith, who two years ago was advocating a tax boost to help head off the financing squeeze, said property owners now are taxed almost as far as they can go.

City Manager Don C. Stewart said the session was the first of a series to go over the financing problem. The next session, he said, is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 17.

The manager described the meeting as "basically an orientation session." It was to point out where the difficulties lie and possible courses of action, he said.

To handle the 1969-70 budget as this year's budget, said Stewart, would buy the commission time to help solve the real problems but it would strip the city.

Stewart said, after the sessions, the commission may be able to develop a program to handle the next budget as well as meet the long-range problems.

This year, the city included \$75,000 from the sale of land to balance the projected operating expenses of \$2.6 million.

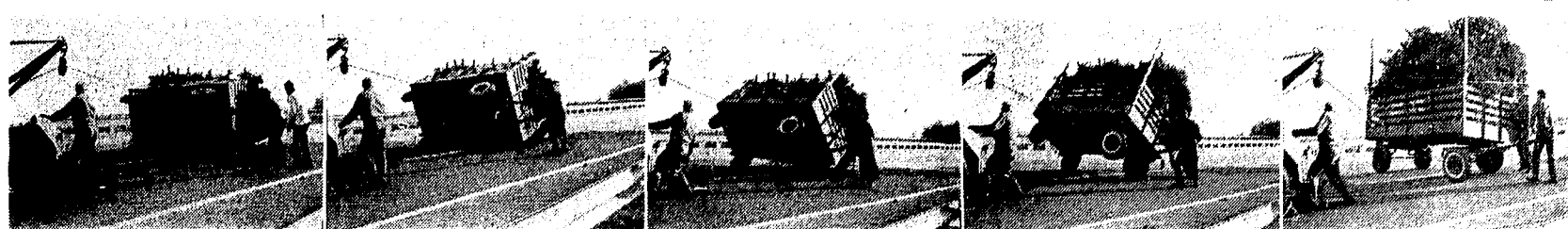
GUESTS FROM FLORIDA
THREE OAKS — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watters, Fort Meyers, Fla., have been here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Ray, and other relatives. While here they stayed at the home of their daughter, Mrs. William Fowler and family in Stevensville.

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SCENES ON A WINDY DAY: Wind Thursday afternoon blew over this trailer filled with Christmas trees and then wrecker went to work to set matters right again. Accident occurred on I-94 near New Buffalo exit ramp. New Buffalo state police said trailer was pulled by station wagon driven by Robert Bromisa, 50, Berrien Springs, who was unhurt. These pictures, taken by New Buffalo photographer

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Romney Honors St. Joe Native

Ex-Grid Star Retires From State Post

In the mid 1920s, Carl Nordberg, who now lives in Escanaba, was capturing the hearts of spectators as he ate up yardage on the St. Joseph football field. In the early 1930s, he rolled onto more gridiron honors with the Spartans of Michigan State. Then came coaching.

Now, he has received recognition from Gov. George Romney for his work after he hung up his football cleats.

The governor honored Nordberg with a State Resolution of Tribute following his retirement from state employment. For years, he managed Mackinac Island State park.

LASTING CONTRIBUTION
The tribute said: As an employee of the State of Michigan of longstanding, you have made a lasting contribution to the growth of Michigan and have helped to meet the myriad public needs entrusted to us.

As governor of Michigan, it is my pleasure to recognize and congratulate you for this fine and outstanding service. The manner in which you have

fulfilled your daily responsibilities typified a conscientious public servant and has helped to bring credit to state government.

"The people of Michigan and myself are extremely grateful for the contributions you have made over these past years."

Nordberg commented, "It has been a great privilege to work with the Mackinac Island State Park commission for so many years. It has given service to the people of the state which is not fully recognized for its able devotion and its great achievements."

Mackinac is an outstanding example of what historic treasures can become when they are developed for public usage and enjoyment. We owe the commissioners a great debt for their unpaid services.

Nordberg began his rise on a field where he was considered a triple threat to his opponents. He was elected team captain both in 1925 and 1926 at St. Joseph high school.

The gridiron touch carried through Nordberg's Michigan State days and boosted him into a coaching career afterward.

From 1931 to 1939, he was coach of the Escanaba high school team. In 1939, he switched to Saginaw high school where he stayed until 1945.

The football and track teams won state honors in his final year at Saginaw.

His work for the state began part-time in 1937. He was dockmaster at Mackinac Island and then assistant superintendent. He became park superintendent under Gov. Harry Kelly.

SAVED OLD FORT
In 1951, he was credited with saving old Fort Mackinac from destruction by fire. Nordberg discovered a blaze in a barracks which had been built in 1868 and had at times housed two companies of troops.

The official was awakened about 3 a.m. and investigated the smell of burning wood.

Two hundred volunteer firemen rushed to fight the blaze and put it out. Officials said then that, had not the blaze been discovered, the flames could have spread to the rest of the old fort as well as to the summer homes overlooking it.

Nordberg and his wife, Catherine, have two sons, Carl, an attorney in Pittsburgh, and Thomas, an attorney in Lansing.



CARL NORDBERG

Business Education Course Set

An 18-week instructional course designed to help persons develop business skills, either for their own use or to enhance their chance of employment, is being offered through the Community Education Program of the Benton Harbor schools, according to Charles Bell, a community school coordinator.

The course will meet four days a week and will cover four subjects, typing, shorthand, office machine operation and business English.

Instructing the course will be Miss Thomas Jackson, a graduate of Lane College, Jackson, Tenn. Miss Jackson who received a B.A. degree in Business Education has taught at both the Benton Harbor junior and senior high schools.

The schedule of classes will be as follows: Monday—Typing; Tuesday—Business English; Wednesday—Office Machine Operation; and Thursday—Shorthand. The classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Seely McCord school.

The cost of the course will be \$2 for each subject or \$5 if one enrolls in all four classes. Child care will be provided for parents of children between the ages of 1 1/2 to 5 years of age.

Registration for the course or individual class, which will be held at Seely McCord school, can be made by calling 927-4461 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 927-2785 from 7 to 9 p.m., Dec. 9-16.

Message From SJ Post Office

Robert E. McMullen, St. Joseph postmaster, today issued a mail-early reminder together with announcement that all Christmas cards weighing one ounce or less must carry six cents postage.

He also announced expanded window service for the Christmas season. Windows will be open Mondays through Fridays, Dec. 9 through Dec. 20 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Saturdays, Dec. 7 and 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 21, 8 a.m. to noon.

New postal rates that took effect earlier this year raised third class postage to six cents for the first two ounces. Since virtually all greeting cards weigh less than an ounce, the first class and third class rates are, McMullen says, in effect, the same.

The new rate for greeting cards provides forwarding if addresses are available and return if undeliverable and address of sender is on the envelope. Also the envelopes may be sealed if under one ounce, the postmaster noted.

St. Joe Gives 'Final Offer' On Water Pact

More Meetings Tuesday

The city of St. Joseph Thursday submitted its "final offer" for a water contract to the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewer authority.

The authority turned the proposal over to its engineers for review and two meetings were scheduled for next Tuesday on the matter.

Months and months of negotiation have been carried on between the city and the authority representing the townships of Lincoln and St. Joseph and the villages of Shoreham and Stevensville.

REWRITTEN TWICE
City Manager Leland Hill said the original city contract proposal had been rewritten twice and the new draft represents the most recent water consumption and pumping plant statistics available.

"This is what we can live with," Hill said.

The city has made two major changes:

1. That the authority guarantee the city that it will take 1.75 million gallons of water a day.

2. That a charge of \$1 per quarter per customer be levied for fire hydrants. It would go directly to the city and replace a hydrant rental.

Hill told authority members at Thursday's meeting in St. Joseph city hall that the guarantee would go into effect at the time the authority sells bonds to pay for installation of water lines.

The purchase guarantee would amount to a charge of approximately \$90,000 annually until the time consumption in the authority area reaches 1.75 million gallons a day.

PLANT EXPANSION
St. Joseph will use the guarantee charge for expansion of its water plant, Hill said.

The charge to the authority will be partially offset by revenue from present water customers located outside the city. When the contract is signed the authority will be reimbursed by getting one third of the revenue from water bills of current customers outside the city—principally Bendix, the Hilltop road plant of Industrial

Rubber and Hilltop Foods.

Thus the city's guarantee figure would be reached in about three and a half years.

St. Joseph Township Atty. John Crow said most likely the provision to pay this guarantee would be added to the bond issue the authority would float to pay for installation of the water system.

Lincoln Township Supervisor Harry Gast said the negotiators faced the fact that many of its potential customers had their own water supply and would want assurance the 30-year contract would be the best possible deal the city could give.

CITY DEMAND
Hill countered with the demand from city taxpayers that the entire cost of expansion be

borne by the authority.

The city's engineers have said the present plant will take care of the city's needs to the year 2000.

Crow said the authority would like to know what the city's rate of profit would be. He said if the Michigan Public Service commission was setting the rates, as it does in utility cases, it would take into consideration the investment and peg the return at about six per cent.

Hill said the city had not attempted to determine what its profit would be. Hill said calculations have been only on the cost of expanding the plant to serve the authority. Eventually the authority will be taking as much water as the city.

SILENT SPECTATOR
A silent but interested spectator at the meeting was Dennis Percy, business manager of the St. Joseph public schools. The new Upton Junior high school in Lincoln township is scheduled to be completed by April. Engineers have estimated it will take six months to design, let bids and lay the water line to the school, depending on the weather.

St. Joseph Township Supervisor Orval Benson said the changes introduced by the city were so technical he could not comment on them until the authority is advised by its engineers, Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May of Ann Arbor.

The authority scheduled to review session for 9 a.m. Tuesday in St. Joseph township hall and a parley with city representatives at 2 p.m. in the same place.

Grumbir was charged Sept. 18 for allegedly brandishing a gun at three customers he claimed stole a package of cookies.

Larry Griffith, 25, of 1904 Territorial road was bound over to circuit court for attempted breaking and entering.

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Report By Fact-Finder Only Block

No Progress Reported In Tuesday Talks

St. Joseph firemen yesterday voted to strike if a state fact-finder's report does not resolve their long wage dispute with the city.

The 21 members of Local 1670, International Association of Fire Fighters, voted unanimously Thursday "to withdraw all services to the city of St. Joseph."

The decision to walk out, however, would depend on the report of a fact-finder who sat in on a four-hour negotiating session Tuesday. No progress was reported at that meeting.

The firemen in their statement indicated they expect the city to ignore the findings of Leon Herman of Ann Arbor, the fact-finder brought in at the request of the union.

BRIEF STATEMENT
The firemen, in a three-paragraph statement said:

"The Fire Fighters of St. Joseph regretfully announce that a special meeting was called Dec. 5 and a vote taken by the membership on the advisability of withdrawing all services to the city of St. Joseph. The vote was unanimous. The withdrawal would be dependent upon the favorability of the fact-finder's report and the action taken by the city commission in helping to resolve this problem. "According to authoritative sources the St. Joseph city commissioners have possible intentions of ignoring the results of a fact-finding hearing held to resolve the wage dispute between St. Joseph Fire Fighters Local 1670 of the International Association of Fire Fighters and the City of St. Joseph."

RAP COMMISSIONERS
"The inadequate action taken by the commissioners in the past, we feel, is responsible for the present situation."

A statement issued this morning by Mayor W. H. Ehrenberg and Mayor-Prom Tem C. A. Tobias said:

"In view of the alleged action taken by the St. Joseph fire department on the evening of Thursday Dec. 5, in which it is reported that they have unanimously agreed to strike action against the city before the decision of the fact-finder has been received, it is our decision to prepare for such action and to assure the citizens of St. Joseph that the fire department will be manned at all times and will be available for all fire fighting duties."

"When the fact-finder's decision is placed before the commission, the commission will then make its decision to accept or reject the report."

The firemen have been organized for almost since January, 1966 and have been negotiating with the city ever since to write their first contract.

None of the other city employees is covered by contract.

The negotiating sessions have been strictly on wages but acceptance of agreement with the fire fighters would be tacit approval of the city's first union local.

State law requires government units to recognize and bargain in good faith with employee unions.

The city of St. Joseph have included the firemen in all raises granted to other city employees. A fireman, first class, now receives \$7,140 a year, which includes a six per cent wage increase across the board, granted last September. The firemen said they are asking for \$7,500. Firemen work 24 hour shifts and no more than 56 hours in a week. Firemen's work laws are set by the state legislature.

The St. Joseph fire department has 21 men split into three shifts. They work a complicated schedule designed to have seven men on duty at all times but off duty firemen are subject to call in the case of an emergency.

WINTER IN TEXAS
THREE OAKS — John A. Johnson, who has been a patient for several weeks in Berrien General hospital, Berrien Center, recently visited his son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, before leaving for San Antonio, Tex., where he will spend the winter with his daughter Mrs. E.C. DeWolfe and family. John Johnson recently sold his home at 13 Featherstone avenue in Three Oaks to Mrs. Mary Waszkiewicz.

Broadway Theme Set For Blossom Festival

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"Broadway Musicals" has been chosen as the theme for the 1969 Blossom Festival.

Jay Holt, grand floral parade chairman, said the theme would allow any musical play or movie which has appeared on Broadway. Announcement of the theme, he added, will be sent to over 100 cities, companies and organizations.

The festival will be held May 11-17. It is southwestern Michigan's annual salute to the fruit growing industry.

Holt said the theme was chosen because of its adaptability to float construction, the hundreds of musicals from which to choose and the consensus that the public will enjoy seeing Broadway Musicals.

Since the theme offers a wide variety of choices, Holt said only one entry will be permitted for a particular musical. All theme choices, he added, must be submitted to the Blossomtime office, 777-B Riverview Drive, for approval by April 18. Entry blanks may be obtained from the office.

The parade will be held May 17.



JAY HOLT

Happier Weather Forecasts Sought

Michigan Tourist Group Wants Sunnier Days

Although gale-blown snow flurries peppered the Twin Cities from cloud shrouded skies yesterday, the undaunted West Michigan Tourist association took the first step in its campaign to put smiles on the faces of the nation's weathermen.

Tourist association President and Benton Harbor City Manager Don Stewart sent a letter to Dr. Robert White, director of the U.S. Environmental Science Services Administration asking for "happier" weather forecasting.

In his plea for the meteorology of joy, Stewart told Dr. White that the association isn't asking the weather bureau to change what it forecasts but only how it phrases its predictions.

"For example, instead of basing forecasts on the percentage 'possibility of rain' will you consider basing them on the 'possibility of sunshine'?" Stewart asked in his letter.

"How much happier the prospect of '80 per cent chance of sunshine' as opposed to the prospect of a '20 per cent chance of rain.'"

The association decided to launch the campaign during a recent meeting of its executive committee in Benton Harbor in order to help the tourist industry.

Stewart said the association considers the current method of forecasting "a negative approach, which discourages recreation and even to a point casts gloom overall."

According to Max Henkel, association publicity director, further efforts to brighten forecasting will include an attempt to convince local newspapers, radio and television stations to present more optimistic weather forecasts.



A GUEST: This tiny Chihuahua hopes he's only a temporary lodger at the Berrien Humane Society shelter, 641 South Crystal avenue, Benton township. He's just plain lost and was booked at the shelter to hopefully await his owner. The shelter has a large number of other dogs up for adoption.

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STEVENSVILLE TO BUY SEWAGE PLANT SITE

WMU Lists
Extension
ClassesCourses Offered
At 11 Locations
In 3 Counties

Western Michigan University will conduct extension classes at 11 locations in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties during the semester which starts the week of Jan. 6. Stephen Nisbet, director of the WMU Center here, said 20 classes will be offered with credits running two hours for an eight-week course; three hours for 12 weeks, and four hours for 16 weeks. Courses will be offered in the areas of art, general studies, history, math, physical education, science, school services, sociology, special education and Speech Pathology.

Course and locations are:

Berrien county: WMU Center, 777 Riverview drive; History 518, Special Education 530, School Services 582, Psychology 624, School Service 695.
Fairplain Junior high school: General Studies 400, Sociology 514.
Brandywine high school, Niles: Teacher Education 510, Art 650
Coloma high school: Teacher Education 312.
Lakeshore high school: History 316.
Niles high school: Math 531
St. Joseph Jefferson elementary: Teacher Education 548

Cass county: Southwestern Michigan college: Speech Pathology 203, Teacher Education 313, Science 610.
Van Buren county: Covert high school: Physical Education 516.
Decatur high school: General Studies 105.

South Haven L.C. Mohr high school: Teachers Education 587, and 602.
Registration materials can be obtained at the WMU office in Benton Harbor. Pre-registration must be completed by Dec. 20. After that date, a late registration of \$5 will be charged.

Snowmobile
Flips Over;
Woman Hurt

EAU CLAIRE — Mrs. Lilly Karn, route 1 Eau Claire, sustained fractured bones in her right foot last Saturday evening, when a snowmobile on which she was a passenger flipped over near Bitley, Mich., south of Traverse City.

Mrs. Karn said the snowmobile was being operated by her husband, Ralph Karn, Jr., when the accident occurred about 7 p.m., while they were returning to a cabin at the close of the deer hunting season.

According to Mrs. Karn, the injured foot was treated yesterday at Niles Pawating hospital.

Lawrence JC's
Selling Trees

LAWRENCE — The Lawrence Jaycees are selling Christmas trees in the building formerly occupied by DeHaven's store on Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. until Christmas.

Graham Brimhall, Jr., chairman of the project, said the Jaycees are also selling fruit cakes and trash can liners.

Bloom'dale Will
Vote On Liquor

BLOOMINGDALE—Village residents here for the second time in four years, will ballot on March 10 on whether to permit public sale of liquor by the glass.

The Bloomingdale village council last night approved placing the issue on the ballot for the regular spring election after receiving petitions signed by 41 residents who favor the issue.

The election will involve only the village, which now has one tavern, permitted to sell only beer and wine. The proposal to sell liquor was defeated by residents here four years ago.

The council also named citizens Robert Van Horn and Stephen Dickerson to a committee to work with street commissioner Ronald Blair in surveying properties that need cleaning up.

James Murray was named to the council to replace George Hathaway who resigned recently. Murray will serve until the spring election.

Approved was a \$25 per year increase for Mrs. Dale Robbins, who blows the noon whistle and fire alarms. Now, she will receive \$125 a year for this function, handled from a switch in the funeral home where she works. Bills totaling \$384 were approved.



FIRST CONTRACT SIGNED: South Haven Mayor J. Glenn Sperry, seated left, signs first work contract between city and Municipal Employees Independent Union with union president Clair Mills at city hall Thursday. Looking on from behind are, from left, City Clerk Rita Verdonk, City Manager Albert Pierce, union secretary Don Wenban, and union attorney Donald Goodwillie, Jr. Mills said he felt the contract was a good one for both the city and the union. The three year contract will affect about 32 employees. (Staff photo).

Sewerage Planners
Told To Get Together

COLOMA — Area governmental officials last night were told that it would be financially unsound for each unit of government to build its own sanitary sewage system.

David Griffith, a project engineer, stated this opinion in outlining the need for the Paw Paw Lake area sewage project

to serve an area including cities of Coloma and Watervliet and townships of Hagar, Coloma and Watervliet. Griffith is an engineer for Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May, consulting engineers, Ann Arbor.

Attending the meeting at Coloma township hall were repre-

sentatives of the area governmental units, who agreed to study further plans for a regional system.

Without making any decisions last night, the planners for the project scheduled another session Jan. 9 at Watervliet city hall.

LeKashman
To Head
CompanyElectro-Voice
Names Four To
Executive Posts

BUCHANAN —Lawrence LeKashman has been appointed president of Electro-Voice, Inc., to succeed Wayne Beaverson, whose resignation is effective Saturday.

LeKashman has been vice president in charge of marketing since 1957 for the firm which produces sound equipment.

Beaverson, who has been with Electro-Voice for 10 years and president since last May, has not announced his plans for the future.

Three other executive appointments also were announced by Electro-Voice.

Adolph Wolf, in addition to his responsibilities as vice president of operations, is now the company's executive vice president. He will continue to be in charge of all manufacturing at Buchanan, as well as directing the activities of the firm's Tennessee facilities. Wolf joined Electro-Voice in 1959. He was associated previously with Zenith Manufacturing Company.

Howard Durbin moves from his position as vice president of sales to senior vice president and technical director. He will be responsible for product development from initial inception



LAWRENCE LEKASHMAN



ADOLF WOLF



HOWARD DURBIN



ROBERT RAMSEY

Decision Is
Postponed

COLOMA — Members of the Coloma Chamber of Commerce last night postponed until Jan. 16 a decision on whether to continue their sponsorship of the Coloma Blossom queen contest here. A Chamber spokesman said there were not enough members present at a meeting last night to take a vote.

to marketplace. Durbin, with Electro-Voice since 1947, has worked in engineering and more recently was manager of the company's OEM sales division.

Robert Ramsey has been promoted from director of engineering to vice president for engineering with full responsibility for engineering procedures and development. Since joining Electro-Voice in 1954, he has contributed significantly to loudspeaker and microphone development and has been awarded several patents in the directional microphone field.

Electro-Voice, Inc. is a subsidiary of Gulton Industries, Inc., Metuchen, New Jersey.

Must Be An
Outdoorsman

BERRIEN CENTER — Hunting and fishing equipment, reported valued at about \$1,000, was taken during a burglary at the home of David Schrage, route 1, Franklin road, Berrien Center, according to Niles state police.

Police said the owner, who had been away, discovered the break-in about 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Police said entry was gained by breaking a lock on the rear door.

Van Buren Busy Changing Court Setup

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Many Problems Are
Still UnsolvedBy JIM DONAHUE
South Haven Bureau

SOUTH HAVEN —Some of the pains of change are already being felt by Van Buren judicial authorities who are engaged in the big job of preparing for the shift from municipal and justice courts to the district court system Jan. 1.

Carpenters are busy renovating an old building facing South Haven's Black river, located on Williams street. Because a suitable building has not been located to date at Paw Paw, this court will be located temporarily upstairs in supervisor's chambers at the county courthouse.

Although the courts are set by law to begin operation by Jan. 1, the furniture ordered for them is not expected to arrive until Jan. 10. Judge-elect Lewis Williams, who will preside at Paw Paw, joked recently that

he was "out scrounging for orange crates from which to hold court."

'CAN OF WORMS'

Donald Goodwillie, Jr., who will be presiding judge at South Haven for the first year, noted that he felt the unsolved prob-

Three Oaks
Adds Yule
Decorations

THREE OAKS —The Three Oaks village council last night voted to install additional Christmas decorations on 20 light poles.

The council voted to rent the decorations from W.A. Freed Co., Terre Haute, Ind., while local Jaycees volunteered to put up and take down the trimmings.

In other business, the council heard the fire commission report which included a bill of \$2,183 for firemen's wages for the year. Of this amount, the council and Three Oaks township board each pay half.

Gordon Mangold, a Three Oaks mail carrier, was named an auxiliary police officer, and Police Chief Louis E. Lake was authorized to secure a new supply of tickets for traffic offenses.

Bills totaling \$7,743.54 were approved.

TOP ROTC CADETS

EAST LANSING (AP)—Richard A. Sage of Clawson and James M. Seegraves of Lansing will be honored as distinguished graduates Saturday at ROTC commissioning ceremonies on the Michigan State University campus.

lems facing the new courts may be comparable to "a can of worms" during the first few months. "We are going to have severe growing pains," he said.

Yet Goodwillie says he is pleased with the new powers of the lower courts because they are basically designed to (1) take some of the work load off the circuit courts, and (2) provide more equitable justice, particularly in the small claims division of the court.

Because the district courts are allowed probation facilities, Goodwillie said a program for having a voluntary probation system on a county-wide basis, patterned after a successful "big-brother" program now being used at South Haven, is being added.

Goodwillie announced that Walt Harry, 29, a former South Haven high school graduate and present probation officer for the California Department of Corrections, has been hired to direct this program. Harry will also perform the duties of a probation and pre-sentence investigating officer.

In addition, Goodwillie noted that efforts are being made to secure an assistant county prosecutor who will work through the South Haven-based court. The new prosecutor, William Buhl, who succeeds Goodwillie, has his office at Paw Paw.

To help care take of an expected load of 11,000 separate cases per year, the Van Buren courts will appoint at least four clerks, a court recorder, and an undetermined number of magistrates on a part-time basis.

Goodwillie noted that the powers of the magistrates are not fully-defined to date, and unless the law is clarified, they will not be much more effective than the court clerks. He said the county plans to hire magistrates on a part-time basis.

VALUABLE TOOL
Perhaps the most interesting change in the court operations



COURT EVOLVING: Newly elected Van Buren District Judge Donald Goodwillie, Jr. (right) looks over work being done on South Haven court building on Williams street. At left are Donald Parrett and Marty Strebeck, foreman for Woodley & Shine Construction Co., of South Haven. The court will be ready for use Jan. 1 although furniture isn't expected to arrive until Jan. 10. (Staff photo)

will be the work of the small claims division. Goodwillie said this will be "a new and extremely valuable tool for quick inexpensive justice in cases under \$300."

Under the law, no attorneys are allowed to practice in this court, unless the defendant requests one, and private citizens or small businessmen may file for collection of small debts for a fee that will probably be under \$15.

The law also increases the district court's civil jurisdiction in cases involving up to \$3,000 in claims, as compared to the \$1,000 jurisdiction in municipal courts and \$300 jurisdiction in justice courts.

Criminal jurisdiction will be increased and the district courts will now handle all misdemeanor cases, even the

former circuit court misdemeanors like negligent homicide, aggravated assault and possession of drugs. These cases will now be termed "high misdemeanors" and the court will have the power to sentence convicted persons to prison terms of up to two years.

This new power in the lower court, plus a new stipulation in the law that district court decisions may be appealed "only on the record," is designed to take much of the burden off the circuit courts. Under the present justice system, anyone convicted in a justice of the peace court has the automatic right of appeal in circuit court. No grounds for injustice in the JP court have to be alleged for the appeal.

With all of this responsibility placed in the hands of the

district court judges, Goodwillie was asked about the chance that these new courts may soon be overtaxed with work.

He said that roughly 53 per cent of the expected 11,000 cases that will be coming through the lower courts next year will be, by statistics at least, traffic cases. Of these, a majority of the charges bring guilty pleas that can be handled rapidly, he said.

"But as far as our work load and backlog, we know we will be busy," Goodwillie predicted.

He added that he felt the plan was workable, however, and that the rules governing the court operation are set up for the first few months "on a probationary status. They may be amended after we've had some practical experiences," he said.

Will Sign
Contracts
Dec. 16Owner Has Until
Dec. 10 To OK
\$16,000 Offer

The Stevensville village council last night moved to purchase a 12-acre site for the planned sewage disposal plant and scheduled a meeting Dec. 16 to sign contracts for the plant construction and interceptor sewers.

Councilmen passed a resolution to purchase the plant site on the north side of John Beers road on the west bank of Hickory creek from William C. Lawrence for \$16,000. Lawrence will be given until Dec. 10 to accept the offer. The council will begin condemnation proceedings if the offer is not accepted then.

Stevensville has been given permission by the State Water Resources commission to postpone construction until Jan. 1 because the bids were higher than estimates.

ADDITIONAL GRANT

Since opening of the bids on Sept. 18, the village has received an additional federal grant of \$75,000. Village President James Small said, State and Federal government grants will cover 55 per cent of the total cost of the sewer project.

Bids opened in September by the Berrien County Planning commission totaled \$1,086,572.50 on the first two phases of the sanitary sewer system and disposal plant. The total cost was estimated at \$802,000 a year ago.

Holland Construction Co. submitted the only bid to build the treatment plant, listed as phase one. The bid was \$374,500.

Woodruff & Sons of Michigan City, Ind., had the lowest of six bids for Phase two, installing interceptor lines. The bid was \$712,072.50.

Several Stevensville residents asked the council last night about benefits from the sewage disposal system. Village President Small said the charge for benefits will be placed on the assessment rolls this year.

NO BENEFITS

He said the first year's payment will go toward the principal only because no benefits will be received the first year. The interest rate, which will be charged to property owners beginning the second year, is 6 per cent over a 20-year period. The sewage project will be financed by the federal and state grants and a bond issue backed by Berrien county.

Small told the residents it is hoped to have the system in operation by next spring. The deadline for connecting to sewer lines will be Oct. 1, 1969.

In other business, the council referred to park committee members Barney Yaslick and Eugene Lake a request from the Lakeshore Jaycees to establish an ice skating rink in the south end of Lions park. Jaycees Gary Ikens and Ralph Dinges said Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. has agreed to put up lights at the rink area of the park which could be used the year around. They proposed a rink about 80 by 100 feet at the edge of Hickory creek from which water would be drawn to make ice. Small said insurance and adult supervision would be needed.

After a second hearing turned up no objections, the council approved a request to rezone from residential to commercial property on the south side of John Beers road west of Hickory creek. The five lots, site of a planned commercial development, are owned by Warren VanOsdaal, Small and Charles Kerlikowski. The lots have 328 feet frontage on John Beers road and are about 545 feet deep.

INSURANCE RENEWED

After reviewing insurance policies with agent Robert DeVries, the council adopted the same coverage as the village carried last year. However, the insurance premium will be \$997.71 compared to \$1,043 last year.

Lakeshore Neon Sign Co. was given permission to erect a Stevensville Village Square sign on the front of the VanOsdaal commercial development on John Beers road.

Stevensville American Legion post 568 was given approval for a club liquor license.

Bills approved were \$4,704.00 from the general fund and \$1,031.50 from the water fund.